IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n Re the Application of: Group Art Unit: 1648 COX Examiner: Lucas, Z. Serial No.: 10/685,288 Filed: October 13, 2003 Atty. File No.: 4152-1-PUS-8 For: "DERIVATIVES OF GROWTH HORMONE AND RELATED PROTEINS, AND METHODS OF

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.